

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A voice control interface device that receives at least one voice command and produces at least one output signal to a replacement stereo receiver installed in a vehicle to replace an originally installed stereo receiver so that the at least one voice command can be used to control the operation of the replacement stereo receiver.

2. The device of Claim 1, wherein the voice control interface device receives at least one voice command and outputs at least one wireless signal to a replacement stereo receiver corresponding to the at least one voice command.

3. The device of Claim 2, wherein the voice control interface device receives a first wireless signal from a handheld remote control upon a user depressing a first function key on the handheld remote control to change a first function of the operation of the replacement stereo receiver and wherein the voice control interface produces a signal corresponding to the first wireless signal in response to a user speaking a first voice command.

4. The device of Claim 3, wherein the voice control interface device includes a memory and is programmable so as to store wireless signals corresponding to the at least one voice command such that subsequent speaking of the at least one voice command results in a corresponding wireless signal being sent to the replacement stereo.

5. The device of Claim 4, wherein the memory is rewritable and the voice control interface device further comprises a switching device to enable the user to selectively reprogram voice commands.

6. The device of Claim 5, wherein the voice control interface device includes a wireless receiver and a wireless transmitter so that the voice control interface device can receive the first wireless signal from the handheld remote control and store a corresponding signal in the memory such that the voice control interface device can recall the stored signal and thereby generate a wireless signal corresponding to the first wireless signal so as to change the first function of the stereo receiver.

7. The device of Claim 6, wherein the voice control interface device is further provided with outputs to control at least one aspect of a vehicle such as turning on a light.

~~8.~~ A stereo system for a vehicle comprising:

a replacement stereo receiver adapted to replace an original stereo receiver, wherein the replacement stereo receiver is mounted in a first location on the vehicle wherein the replacement stereo receiver is adapted to receive remote control signals to control the operation of the replacement stereo receiver; and

an interface device that is adapted to be positioned within the vehicle so as to be able to receive voice commands and, in response to receiving the voice commands, send output control signals corresponding to the remote control signals so as to control the operation of the replacement stereo such that voice commands can be used to control the replacement stereo via the interface device.

9. The system of Claim 8, wherein the voice control interface device receives at least one voice command and outputs at least one wireless signal to a replacement stereo receiver corresponding to the at least one voice command.

10. The system of Claim 9, wherein the voice control interface device receives a first wireless signal from a handheld remote control upon a user depressing a first function key on the handheld remote control to change a first function of the operation of the replacement stereo receiver and wherein the voice control interface produces a signal corresponding to the first wireless signal in response to a user speaking a first voice command.

11. The system of Claim 10, wherein the voice control interface device includes a memory and is programmable so as to store wireless signals corresponding to the at least one voice command such that subsequent speaking of the at least one voice command results in a corresponding wireless signal being sent to the replacement stereo.

12. The system of Claim 11, wherein the memory is rewritable and the voice control interface device further comprises a switching device to enable the user to selectively reprogram voice commands.

13. The system of Claim 12, wherein the voice control interface device includes a wireless receiver and a wireless transmitter so that the voice control interface device can receive the first wireless signal from the handheld remote control and store a

corresponding signal in the memory such that the voice control interface device can recall the stored signal and thereby generate a wireless signal corresponding to the first wireless signal so as to change the first function of the stereo receiver.

5 14. The system of Claim 9, wherein the voice control interface device is further provided with outputs to control at least one aspect of a vehicle.

15 15. A stereo system for a vehicle comprising:
a replacement stereo receiver adapted to replace an original stereo receiver, wherein the replacement stereo receiver is mounted in a first location on the vehicle wherein the replacement stereo receiver is responsive to at least one remote control signal such that upon receipt of the at least one remote control signal, the replacement stereo receiver alters the operation of the replacement stereo receiver; and

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15 an interface device, positioned within the vehicle that is responsive to at least one remote signal from a person in the vehicle, wherein the interface device transmits the at least one remote control signal to the replacement stereo receiver upon receiving the at least one remote signal from a person in the vehicle.

16. The stereo system of Claim 15, wherein the at least one remote signal comprises a voice command produced by the person in the vehicle.

20 17. The stereo system of Claim 15, wherein the at least one remote signal comprises a local control signal from an existing local stereo control button positioned within the vehicle and adapted to control the originally installed stereo.

25 18. The stereo system of Claim 15, wherein the vehicle comprises a motorcycle and the at least one remote signal comprises a signal from at least one switch positioned adjacent the handlebars of the motorcycle.

19. The stereo system of Claim 15, wherein the interface device is adapted to receive at least one remote signal and is further adapted to produce a wireless signal to the replacement stereo receiver corresponding to the at least one remote signal.

30 20. The stereo system of Claim 15, wherein the replacement stereo receiver is adapted to receive a first wireless signal from a handheld remote control upon a user depressing a first function key on the handheld remote control to change a first function of the operation of the replacement stereo receiver and wherein the interface device

